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 For: PROCESSING METHOD OF A )  
 MIXTURE FOR TYRE RUBBER )  
 COMPOUND )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this  
 application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the  
 title PROCESSING METHOD OF A MIXTURE FOR TYRE RUBBER COMPOUND, as  
 follows:

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